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From: Kenknight, Jeff
Sent: Wed 8/12/2015 4:51:41 PM
Subject: FW: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

Will need to sort this out with Kowalski/others. The directive appears very broad and may impact out planned inspection activities at Kensington next week.

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From: Mckeown, Brian
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 9:33 AM
To: Kowalski, Ed; Kenknight, Jeff
Subject: FW: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

No response from Mr. Eppers yet, but wanted to pass this along to you. Please advise as to whether the below directive would impact a planned inspection at an active site.

Brian McKeown

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From: Ehrig, Lance
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 10:01 AM
To: McKeown, Brian
Subject: FW: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

FYI.

From: McLerran, Dennis
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 8:58 AM
To: R10-ET Mail Group
Subject: FW: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

FYI Please implement this directive immediately. If we have any concerns about specific sites please let me know immediately.

Dennis

From: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 8:51 AM
To: Blumenfeld, Jared; Curry, Ron; Enck, Judith; Garvin, Shawn; Hague, Mark; Hedman, Susan; McGrath, Shaun; McLerran, Dennis; McTeerToney, Heather; Spalding, Curt
Cc: Fritz, Matthew; Stanislaus, Mathy
Subject: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

Good morning everyone,

While we continue to investigate the root causes of last week's release of mining waste at the Gold King Mine in Colorado, we are instructing our Regions to immediately cease any field

investigation work at mines including tailings facilities, unless there is imminent risk in a specific case. We are in the process of initiating an independent assessment by a sister federal agency or another external entity to examine the factors that led to last week's incident. Based on the outcome from that assessment, we will determine what actions may be necessary to avoid similar incidents at other sites. While we stand down on existing field investigations and assessments at these mining sites, we also are instructing our Regions to identify existing sites with similarities to the Gold King Mine site and to identify any immediate threats and consider appropriate response actions.

If you have questions or wish to discuss a particular situation please reach out to Mathy.

Thank you.